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SUBJECT:CODEL KENNEDY

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1. CONSULATE PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER AND FIFTH CORPS  
PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER CONCUR WITH MY ASSESSMENT  
THAT GERMAN AND AMERICAN PRESS INTEREST IN SENATOR  
KENNEDY'S PROPOSED VISIT TO BARRACKS REHABILITATION  
PROJECT AT FRIEDBERG WOULD BE MORE THAN ADEQUATE TO  
ASSURE CONSIDERABLE PUBLICITY FOR THIS WORTHWHILE  
PROGRAM. WE HAVE TENTATIVELY APPROACHED ASSOCIATED  
PRESS (AP), DEUTSCHE PRESSE AGENTUR (DPA), FRANKFURTER  
RUNDSCHAU (NATIONALLY DISTRIBUTED, LIBERAL NEWSPAPER  
PUBLISHED IN FRANKFURT), AND STARS AND STRIPES (WHICH  
HAS READERSHIP OF MILLION AMERICANS IN EUROPE). ALL  
HAVE SAID THEY WOULD SEND REPORTER AND PHOTOGRAPHER TO  
FRIEDBERG ON EASTER MONDAY MORNING IF SENATOR AGREES TO  
VISIT. IF WE CAN GET APPROVAL FROM CODEL ASAP, PREFER-  
ABLY BY MID-AFTERNOON TODAY BEFORE FOUR-DAY HOLIDAY  
WEEKEND COMMENCES, FIFTH CORPS AND USIS TELEX NOTICES TO  
ALL WIRE SERVICES AND NEWSPAPERS WOULD ASSURE ADDITIONAL  
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COVERAGE.

2. I WILL MEET INCOMING FLIGHT AND HAVE ARRANGED FOR BED-SITTING ROOM IN OFFICIAL VIP SUITE AT AIRPORT FOR MRS. KENNEDY TO REST BETWEEN FLIGHTS. SENATOR WILL ALSO PRESUMABLY WISH TO FRESHEN UP, AND I WOULD SUGGEST DEPARTURE AT 0900. MAJOR GENERAL JOHATHAN BURTON, COMMANDING GENERAL OF THIRD ARMORED DIVISION, WHO WILL ALSO BE ACTING CORPS COMMANDER IN ABSENCE OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL WILLIAM DESOBRY, WOULD ESCORT CODEL BY HELICOPTER TO FRIEDBERG (FIFTEEN MINUTES FLYING TIME, THIRTY MINUTES IF WEATHER REQUIRES USE OF SEDANS). TOUR OF BASE WITH PRESS TO INCLUDE UNREFURBISHED AND REHABILITATED BUILDINGS AND TENT HOUSING AREA. DEPARTURE FOR AIRPORT ABOUT 1130.

3. SUGGEST CODEL CONSIDER STATEMENT TO PRESS AT CONCLUSION OF TOUR (COPIES TO BE AVAILABLE) ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: "WHILE STATESMEN AND STRATEGISTS HAVE BEEN DEBATING WHETHER US FORCES SHOULD BE IN EUROPE AND IN WHAT NUMBERS, AND WHILE SOUTHEAST ASIA HAD PRIORITY CLAIM ON US MILITARY RESOURCES, AMERICAN SOLDIERS IN EUROPE IN MANY CASES HAD TO LIVE AND WORK IN BUILDINGS WHOSE CONDITION WOULD HAVE BEEN A DISGRACE TO ANY MINORITY GROUP IN THE US. THESE MEN AND WOMEN ARE HERE AT THE REQUEST OF THE AMERICAN AND OTHER NATO GOVERNMENTS TO DEFEND THE US AND WESTERN EUROPE, AND THEY DESERVE DECENT LIVING CONDITIONS. THE INITIATIVE OF THE WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT, PARTICULARLY FINANCE MINISTER HELMUT SCHMIDT AND DEFENSE MINISTER GEORG LEBER, IN MAKING GERMAN FUNDS AVAILABLE UNDER THE OFFSET AGREEMENTS TO REHABILITATE THESE BARRACKS DEMONSTRATES A DESIRE TO MAINTAIN THE US MILITARY PRESENCE IN EUROPE IN A WAY, AS I HAVE SEEN TODAY, WHICH SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVES THE PHYSICAL LOT OF THE INDIVIDUAL SOLDIER."

4. SULSER HEREBY DESIGNATED CONTROL OFFICER. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT GERMAN HOLIDAY BEGINS AT 1700 HOURS LOCAL TIME TODAY, AND ANY MESSAGES SENT AFTER THAT TIME TO THIS POST SHOULD BE NIACT.SULSER

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